

JOHN SHIELDS, Sworn for the State. I have been working since May, 1913, at the National Pencil Company. I know C.W. Burke and Jimmie Wren. Burke and Wren have been constantly around the National Pencil Factory for the last several months, working on the Frank case.

Several times during the last two or three months Jimmie Wren has been after me to make an affidavit for him that Jim Conley had been down on me, or had asked me to let him go down on me. I refused every time because it was a lie. Jimmie Wren said if I would do this, he would dress me up and send me to Cincinnati or anywhere else I wanted to go, and I told him I wouldn't do it, that there wasn't a word of truth in it. In talking to me, Jimmie Wren used the word "cock sucker." Since I have been at the factory, I have never heard anyone there say anything about Jim Conley ever having done anything of that kind. A few weeks ago, Jimmie Wren came to me and said: "I am in a hell of a fix, I have got to get something good, don't you know a negro woman I can get who will swear that Jim Conley went down on her? and I told him I wouldn't do it, and that I didn't know of any negro woman. Wren asked me if I [2 words illegible] get a negro woman who would swear that Conley went down on her.